

# Minutes

## Criminal & Juvenile Justice Information Policy Group

March 25, 2015

1:00PM – 3:00PM

MN Judicial Center, Room 225

**Chair, Commissioner Mona Dohman, Department of Public Safety**

### Present:

Member Names	Organization
Peter Cahill	4th Judicial District
Mona Dohman	Department of Public Safety
Rick Duncan	Task Force First Vice Chair
Deb Kerschner	Task Force Chair
John Rodenberg	Minnesota Court of Appeals
Tom Roy	Department of Corrections
BCA	Interested Parties
Oded Galili	
Dana Gotz	
Jill Oliveira	
Karen Schiller	
Wade Setter	

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### Introductory Items

Chair, Mona Dohman, called the meeting to order. Roundtable introductions were made. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the January 9, 2015 Joint Policy Group and Task Force Meeting. A vote was taken. **The motion carried.**

## **Review of the Strategic Plan Draft and Proposed Statutory Changes 299C.65**

Deb Kerschner began the discussion with a recap of the Task Force strategic planning effort that led to the composition of the strategic plan draft and proposed changes in M.S. 299C.65 by the subcommittee. These documents were reviewed and approved by the Task Force members at its meeting on March 13<sup>th</sup>, for the purpose of submission to the Policy Group for its review and approval.

Deb outlined the proposed statutory changes made to 299C.65, page by page explaining how the subcommittee reached these proposals and pointed out the three major areas of change:

- 1) Moving from the policy group to an advisory group.
- 2) Combining the Policy Group and Task Force into one group.
- 3) Clarifying overall responsibilities related to criminal justice information sharing.

Deb stated that the Task Force members spent a great deal of discussion on recruiting public members and changing the language to be more effective around the recruitment process. She added that most of the policy level language under Subdivision 1, (c) and (d) was removed in order to keep the focus and charge of this new group to study and make recommendations on various criminal justice information policy and funding issues, information sharing, technology education and innovation, and the impact of proposed legislation to the criminal justice system. This language also ties into the five strategies listed in the proposed strategic plan draft. Deb concluded that this is the proposal to make changes to the legislation.

Mona Dohman opened the discussion on the proposals made to 299C.65. The group began by reviewing the language concerning the proposed changes for appointing public members and discussed a proposal to limit the term for public members and also add the governor's appointment process back into the language.

A motion was made to change the revised language in Subdivision 1, (915) from "four public members appointed by the Advisory Group representing both metro and greater Minnesota using the process described in section 15.059"; to four public members appointed by the governor representing both metro and greater Minnesota for a term of six years using the process described in section 15.095; one of whom represents the interests of victims, and one of whom represents representatives of the private business community who have expertise in integrated information systems and who for the purpose of meetings of the advisory group may be compensated pursuant to section 15.059. The motion was seconded. Further discussion about changing the term of appointment from six years to four years led to a motion to amend the motion. The amendment to the motion was seconded. A vote was taken. **The motion carried.**

The final revised language in Subdivision 1, (915) reads, four public members appointed by the governor for a term of four years using the process described in section 15.059; representing both metro and greater Minnesota, one of whom represents the interests of victims, and one of whom represents representatives of the private business community who have expertise in integrated information systems and who for the purpose of meetings of the advisory group may be compensated pursuant to section 15.059.

A suggestion was made to change Subdivision 1, (4) from "four one members of the judicial branch appointed by the chief justice of the Supreme Court"; to three members of the judicial branch appointed by the chief justice of the Supreme Court, and therefore remove Subdivision 1, (612) which reads; "two district judges appointed by the Judicial council, at least one of whom has experience dealing with juvenile court matters". This suggestion was duly noted by Deb Kerschner.

Upon their review and discussion on the proposed changes made to statute 299C.65, the group agreed that the language accurately reflected the discussions the members held in their meetings throughout the preceding months and was a positive way to move forward.

Deb Kerschner stated that the Task Force members also discussed the proposed change to become one group and it was determined that there was nothing statutorily preventing the two groups from meeting together, if the Policy Group was in agreement. The group discussed their concerns with moving forward as one group outside of legislation and whether they agree with the five strategies listed in the strategic plan draft. It was noted that the five strategies were not considered to be in conflict with the current statute. Upon further discussion the group decided to continue operating as two groups and have the Task Force move forward to develop a plan of action on the five strategies listed in the strategic plan draft. A motion was made to move forward with strategies one through five, for the formulation and action plan by the task force for each of the strategies, and report back at a future meeting. The motion was seconded. A vote was taken. **The motion carried.**

The group reviewed the mission and vision statements and with discussion they were satisfied with the language. Deb stated that the Task Force can begin forming the subcommittees right away and will be meeting again in May. She suggested a joint meeting in September to check in on the progress that has been made. The group decided to cancel their June meeting and agreed to a joint meeting in September.

Mona Dohman asked if there was any further discussion. There was no further discussion and she asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. A vote was taken. **The motion carried.**

### **Next Meeting**

TBD – Joint Meeting in September

**Meeting adjourned.**